

## Sending PCR positive *Cyclospora* samples to the State Hygienic Laboratory

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IDPH has requested that facilities send any samples positive for *Cyclospora* by multiplex PCR to the State Hygienic Laboratory for further characterization. Positive *Cyclospora* specimens will be sent to CDC for testing at no charge to the submitter. Submitters will not receive a final report for this testing.



1. Choose the Mycobacteriology/Mycology/Parasitology test request form and your facility by clicking the Clinical Test Request Forms link at [www.shl.uiowa.edu](http://www.shl.uiowa.edu).
2. Please fill out the patient information on the test request form, choose "Stool" as the specimen type, and write or type "positive *Cyclospora* specimen" in the open area of the Parasitology box.

**Parasitology**

Arthropod Identification (tick, bedbug, mites)

Blood Smear for Parasites (malaria and others)

Travel History (required to assist diagnosis): \_\_\_\_\_

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Modified Acid-Fast Smear for Parasites (*Cryptosporidium*, *Cyclospora*, *Cystoisospora*)

Ova and Parasite exam (concentration and trichrome stain)

Travel History (required to assist diagnosis): \_\_\_\_\_

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Parasite Identification (worm)

Trichrome Stain for Parasites

Positive *Cyclospora* Specimen